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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Sir:

The following amendment and remarks are responsive to the Final Office Action dated October 15, 2008 ("Office Action"), in the above-captioned application.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2; and

Remarks begin on page 6.